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for the
year ending

March 1, 1870

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ANNUAL REPORT

-OF-

THE SELECTMEN

AND

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF TILTON,

FOR THE YEAR

ENDING MARCH FIRST, 1870.

TILTON, N. H.:

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TOWN OF

REPORT.

The Selectmen charge themselves with Cash rec'd as follows:

1869.

Aug. 4,	To cash rec'd of the Town of Sanbornton,	\$2 25
Oct. 12,	County of Belknap,	36 00
Dec. 1,	Jonathan M. Taylor,	5 00
" 3,	State as Saving's Bank tax,	297 18
" "	" Railroad tax,	206 14
" "	" U. S. Bounty,	118 80
" "	" Literary Fund,	51 71

1870.

Feb. 11,	B. T. Brown, Agent to sell real estate,	1556 55
" "	Joseph S. Clark's note,	825 00
" "	Josiah S. Howe,	143 00
" 17,	County of Belknap,	30 00
	Amount of tax list in Tilton, 1869,	7,321 50
	Cash of the T'n Sanbornton to balance acc't,	414 02

\$11,007 15

The Selectmen charge themselves for cash
borrowed \$50,757 64

Which is accounted for as follows:

Paid on notes, \$52,084 83

Paid for Highways and Bridges.

Jonathan P. Hanaford, on bridge,	\$3 00
Bela S. Keniston, on road,	11 55
Henry A. Shaw, "	5 00
William J. Hunkins, "	6 00
Charles H. Jewell, on road,	8 50
Moses Clark, "	17 00

John W. Johnson,	4 00
Alonzo F. Clark,	8 00
David W. Clark,	5 00
John H. Joice,	3 00
Rob't S. Morrison,	2 39
Elias S. Buzzell,	8 00
Leonard K. Clough, for cash paid,	37 90
George W. Elkins, on road,	2 75
Wash'n H. Clark,	4 00
Wm. H. H. Rollins,	5 50
John T. G. Sanborn,	3 00
Thadens P. Atherton,	1 50
Albert J. Clark,	14 00
Andrew P. Gilman,	2 25
Horace Moulton, cash paid,	3 50
Lorenzo Smith, on road,	55 68
Abner Hall,	5 00
Moses Garland,	1 00
Beniah S. Lang,	7 00
Brown & Simonds, for lumber.	7 00
	32 98
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	\$264 50

Paid Current Expenses.

B. W. Sanborn & Co., Clerk's Record Books,	38 00
" Selectmen's "	17 60
Charles F. Hill, for printing,	7 25
John W. Wells, surveying town line,	10 00
J. M. Taylor, for affidavitt,	2 00
F. J. Eastman & Co., for lock,	20
Brown & Morrison, for trunk,	75
Joseph L. Conner, labor on town line,	3 00
Vogler & Clough, table and chairs,	26 00
B. W. Sanborn & Co., stationery,	2 92
Sullivan Hutchinson "	1 00
Freight on table and chairs,	60
Ames & Kelsea, for books &c.,	7 48
Amos H. Jones, as witness,	1 00
J. M. Taylor, treasurer, for fract. script,	1 25
Leonard K. Clough, for cash paid searching records,	75
Francis R. Chase, as per receipts,	25 00
Belknap County Commissioners,	47 22
Leonard K. Clough, bookcase &c.,	10 52
J. M. Taylor, for expenses on town line,	8 75
Amos H. Jones as witness before Commissioners,	2 00

Addison B. Wyatt,	"	"	2 00
W. P. & J. Hill, for wood,			7 50
Norris M. Weeks, for taxes on town farm,			34 44
Warde, Humphrey & Dodge,			4 10
Arthur L. Smith, for labor,			4 28
Pike & Blodgett, for counsel &c.,			63 50
Warde, Humphrey & Dodge,			8 55
Charles F. Hill, printing,			2 10
Ebenezer L. Sanborn,			7 15
Brown & Morrison,			22 50
Thomas W. Long,			5 00
Robert S. Perkins, horse and wagon,			2 50
Joseph P. Dearborn, for bridge plank and lumber,			177 56
Eastman & Taylor,			6 75
Leonard Conant, bill for labor and cash paid out,			91 23
Eleazer Davis, bill for clapboards,			18 90
W. P. & J. Hill, bill for nails and paint,			23 48
Francis R. Chase,			32 00
Charles B. Garmon, bill for iron work,			6 00
Ames & Kelsea,			6 75
William S. Hancock, door and sash,			12 20
John H. Varney, for labor,			6 00
Sylvester Dixon,			30 00
Clark Haynes,			1 00
Addison B. Wyatt, for gravel,			5 00
Leonard K. Clough, as Selectman,			130 00
"	"	cash paid out,	10 85
"	"	horse hire out of town,	23 00
"	"	overseer of the poor,	5 00
Horace Moulton, as Selectman,			138 00
"	"	use of horse out of town,	14 00
"	"	cash paid out,	14 50
Eleazar Davis, as Selectman,			185 00
"	"	cash paid out for stamps, car fare, &c.,	31 32
"	"	horse hire out of town.	15 00
"	"	as Treasurer,	30 00
William P. & J. Hill, for rent &c.,			62 62
Reuben Philbrick, Selectmen's board,			10 00
William P. Lang, for broom &c.,			1 30
Lyman B. Ames, bill as clerk,			20 00

\$1,484 37

State and County tax 1869, 2,938 63

Norris M. Weeks, as Collector, 90 00

Oliver French, for labor, 6 62

\$4,519 62

Paid for support of External Poor.

David W. Clark, for support of Polly Clark,	37	00
Hollis K. Thompson, for coffin and box for J. Laplant,	9	00
W. P. & J. Hill, for Gilman girl,	2	50
Jonathan M. Taylor, Treasurer of Sanbornton,	107	03
Leonard K. Clough, articles for Mrs. Rollins,	31	02
W. P. & J. Hill " "	2	97
John F. Taylor, " "	1	84
Eastman & Taylor, for John Laplant,	21	00
" " Robert Guay	24	50
Leonard K. Clough, for Mrs. Rollins,	16	32
John Blaisdell & Co., for transient poor,	3	00
" " "	2	00
Leonard K. Clough, for Mrs. Rollins,	10	94
W. P. & J. Hill, for Gilman girl,	2	10
Joseph W. Sanborn,	10	00
Leonard K. Clough, for Mrs. Rollins,	19	53
" " transient poor,	1	32
F. L. Mason, for transient poor,	1	50
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	\$303	57

Paid for the several Religious Societies.

Leonard K. Clough, for Free Baptist Society,	17 79
M. A. Herrick, for Episcopalian,	17 29
Leonard K. Clough, 2d Methodist,	7 62
Horace Moulton, 1st Congregational,	7 62
William T. Cass, 1st Methodist,	21 84
Charles W. Morrison, 2d Congregational,	20 83
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	\$92 99

Paid for Schools.

Washington H. Clark, Committee,	92	60
Charles W. Colby, “	264	34
Joseph Hill, “	191	31
Paschal P. Jaques, “	91	90
Charles H. Jaques, “	75	97
S. E. Fresse, “	104	41
Charles E. Nelson, “	185	35

Jeremiah B. Osgood,	"	44 07
Thomas W. Taylor,	"	4 72
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		\$1,054 67
Joseph D. Wadley,	"	2 72
B. F. Moody	"	1 80
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		\$1,059 19

Recapitulation.

To Cash tax list, &c.,	11,007 15
" borrowed,	50,757 64
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	\$61,764 79

Accounted for as follows:

Paid on notes,	52,084 83
Roads and Bridges,	264 50
Current Expenses,	4,519 62
External Poor,	303 57
Religious Societies,	92 99
Schools,	1,059 19
Abatements,	108 51
Taxes uncollected on Norris	
Weeks' book,	114 36
Joseph S. Clark's note,	825 00
Josiah S. Howe's note,	143 00
Cash in the Treasury,	2,249 22
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	\$61,764 79

Respectfully Submitted,

ELEAZER DAVIS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
HORACE MOULTON,	
LEONARD K. CLOUGH,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Tilton.</i>

Feb. 25, 1870. Having examined the foregoing accounts, we find them properly vouched and correctly cast.

B. T. BROWN,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
E. ADAMS,	

Town Debts.

Notes and Interest to March 1, 1870, 48,873 51

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Taxes uncollected 1869,	114 36
Joseph S. Clark's note,	831 86
Josiah S. Howe's note,	145 62
Railroad Stock, 21 shares,	210 00
Cash in the Treasury,	22,492 22
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	3,551 06
Net Indebtedness,	\$45,322 45

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The supervision of our common schools is a work of no minor importance. Committees and teachers should be deeply impressed with their responsibility. Good teachers are the indispensable condition of good schools, teachers who are enthusiastic in their work, and labor assiduously for the good of every pupil. The instruction is, for the most part, of the most elementary kind, but it is not on this account of inconsiderable moment. Many a noble structure has been marred on account of an imperfect foundation, and an error in the early training of children may produce effects which a lifetime may fail to counteract.

Can not more be accomplished in our schools, is the important question. Too much time, we think, is wasted by improper methods of instruction. The memory is cultivated too exclusively leaving the reasoning powers dormant. Rules are learned, sentences are repeated, parrot-like, lessons are recited while the mind is destitute of a clear idea on the subjects brought before it. We want more oral instruction, a throwing aside of the text-book and a communion of the mind of the teacher with the mind of the pupil, so that the powers of the latter may be aroused and the true idea of education be realized.

No penurious policy should dictate in constructing and furnishing our school-houses. The best text-books should be used for the same reason that the mechanic should use the best tools. They are the teacher's tools, and he can do better work with good ones than with poor ones. This is an age of progress, and an advance step is sometimes taken in regard to text-books. Outline maps should grace the walls of our school-rooms, and all other facilities in the work of instruction should be provided. Money thus invested is wisely invested, and will return abundant dividends in the more rapid advancement of the pupils and in the more extensive knowledge thereby secured.

In regard to the schools in this town we think that no retrograde step has been taken the past year. Our motto is improvement, and though the ideal may never be actualized, yet it will serve to incite to vigorous efforts for its realization.

The teachers have generally been successful. Some have manifested a commendable zeal in their work, while in others, more of this element would have added to their efficiency. Several of the schools had a term before the appointment of your committee and the qualifications and methods of instruction of some of them were not so well known as was desirable. Again, the field being a new one to the committee, the precise wants of the schools were not so fully understood as they are now.

There seems to be a pressing necessity for some change in the division of the districts in the village. The houses at the east and west ends have ample accommodations for all that now attend school in the three houses, and the elements are clamoring for the possession of the "Old Academy." The winds shake its rickety windows with a will, and the melting snow patters upon the floor, affording ample facilities for giving object lessons in acrostics and meteorology.

No change has been made in text-books the past year. We think, however, that there is room for improvement in this direction. Let all our citizens interest themselves in the work of improving our schools and we shall take advance steps and witness the happiest results.

DISTRICT No. 1.

The term in this district has not yet closed. Hence no report, other than that Mrs. F. S. Spencer is the teacher, and is fully competent for her work.

DISTRICT No. 2.

C. W. Colby, Prudential Committee. Miss Lizzie A. Chase, Teacher. We do well when we obtain the services of a teacher of so much experience, and so well qualified for her work. Miss Chase reports "ample arrangement for ventilation." No thanks are due, however, for mechanical contrivances to secure it.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Joseph Hill, Prudential Committee. Miss Kate Scribner, Teacher. This school is small, and the pupils are young. The teacher reports that "both terms passed pleasantly and that the scholars were studious and ambitious." They gave ample proof of this to the committee.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Pascal Jaques, Prudential Committee. Miss S. C. Willey, Teacher. Circumstances prevented an early visit to this school during its second short term. Some specific directions in regard to arithmetical instruction, will not be amiss in the future. The attention given to map-drawing, is deserving of commendation.

DISTRICT No. 16.

Mr. Freeze, Prudential Committee. Miss Sarah H. Nealley, Teacher. The second term of this school, also a short one, was the only one under our charge.

We were favorably impressed with its general appearance, and the suggestions made at the first visit seem to have been followed to the advantage of the pupils.

DISTRICT No. 18.

Henry Jaques, Prudential Committee. Miss Fannie D. Pearson, Teacher.

Miss Pearson is a faithful teacher, of much experience, and has done good service in her school. A small school and a long term afforded opportunity to make a good impression, which we think was not neglected.

DISTRICT No. 28.

Charles E. Nelson, Prudential Committee. Miss Emma M. Gile, Teacher.

This school, like all village schools, involves more hard work than those out of the village. The teacher reports that "all was not hard labor, but a pleasant duty." We were pleased with the exercises of the school at the close of the term, and trust that its course will be onward in the way of improvement.

SYLVESTER DIXON,

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Number of Schools.

DISTRICTS.		Number of Schools.	
Boys.	Girls.	Whole number of different scholars 4 years of age, and upward, attending school not less than two weeks.	
Average attendance of scholars during the year.	Number of children between 4 and 14 years of age not attending school any where.	Number of female teachers employed during the year.	Number of different persons employed as teachers.
Wages of female teachers a month, including board.	Number of teachers teaching the same school two successive terms.	Number of teachers employed who have attended Teacher's Institute.	Whole length of summer schools, in weeks.
Whole length of winter schools, in weeks.	Average length of schools for the year in weeks.	Estimated value of school-houses and lots, with appurtenances.	Estimated value of maps, charts, reference books, black-boards, globes and other school apparatus.
Number of school-houses built and repaired during the year, with the cost of the same, including land, fences, and permanent furniture.	Compensation paid for services of Superintending Committee.	Amount of money raised by town tax for support of schools.	Amount of money raised by town or district tax, beyond what the law requires.
Amount of Literary Fund.	Amount of Railroad Tax.	Amount of income from Local funds for the schools.	Average amount appropriated for each scholar.
No. visits by S. S. Committee.	No. visits by Prud. Com.	No. visits by other citizens.	No. of scholars attending to Reading and Spelling.
No. attending to Arithmetic.	No. attending to Geography.	No. attending to Grammar.	No. attending U. S. History.
No. attending Penmanship.			

* Applied to current expenses. Text books in use, Reading, Town and Holbrook's Readers, Spelling, Town and Holbrook's Spelling Arithmetic, Robinson's Series, Geography, Guyot's and Cornell's, Grammar, Kert's, Penmanship, Payson and Duntton's. Other branches, Robinson's Algebra; Wells' Natural Philosophy.

Feb. 25, 1870. We certify the foregoing to be a true return of the Schools of this Town

SYLVESTER DIXON, Superintending School Committee.

